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SUBJ :MODE - NASA REQUEST TO ASSIGN VARIOUS AMERICANS AT
BREMENANDTO HIRE TWO GERMAN NATIONALS THERE FOR NEXT TWO
YEARS

1. LETTER FROM NASA HEADQUARTERS REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO
STATION TEN PCS AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AT BREMEN FOR ABOUT TWO
YEARS. THEIR DUTIES WOULD BE TO INSPECT, TEST, AND POSSIB-
LY TAKE DELIVERY OF THE SPACELAB BEING ASSEMBLED BY GERMAN
AEROSPACE FIRM ERNO. SCHEDULE CALLS FOR PERSONNEL TO EOD
IN AUGUST 1977; DELIVERY OF FIRST SL UNIT TO NASA ANTICIPA-
TED IN AUGUST 1979.

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2. BESIDES TEN PCS PERSONNEL, NASA FORESEES SENDING
VARIOUS TDY AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL TO BREMEN OVER NEXT
TWO YEARS, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AVERAGE OF 10 TDY NASA CIVIL SERVANTS (COULD GO TO 15
AT PEAK PERIODS), FOR STAYS OF 2 WEEKS TO 6 MONTHS.

(B) ROUGHLY THE SAME NUMBERS OF CONTRACTOR AMERICANS; BRINGING ANTICIPATED TOTAL NASA US PRESENCE AT ANY ONE TIME TO 30 TO 40 PERSONS, SOME WITH DEPENDENTS.

3. LETTER AND/OR OTHER MATERIALS EXPLAINING DETAILS OF THIS REQUEST HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY NASA TO SCIENCE COUNSELOR MCCLELLAN AT BONN AND TO CONSUL GENERAL SCHIFMAN AT BREMEN. BESIDES TEN NASA PCS AMERICAN PERSONNEL, REQUEST REFERS TO GROUP'S NEED FOR (A) FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PERSON AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL, TO BE HIRED LOCALLY AND (B) A SECRETARY REQUIRED AT THE ERNO FACILITY (TO BE HIRED AND PAID DIRECTLY THERE) WHO WOULD ASSIST CONGEN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WITH TRAVEL RESERVATIONS AND TYPING RELATED TO NASA GROUP.

4. LIST OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES NEEDED BY PCS GROUP INCLUDES:

(A) PREPARATION AND PROCESSING OF INITIAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY REGIONAL FINANCE OFFICE AT US EMBASSY, PARIS;

(B) PREPARATION AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTATION AND VOUCHERS AS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF STANDARD ALLOWANCES (HOUSING, SCHOOL, POST, ETC.);

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(C) PREPARATION AND PROCESSING OF TIME-KEEPING DOCUMENTATION FOR PAYMENT OF SALARIES;

(D) PREPARATION AND PAYMENT OF TRAVEL VOUCHERS;

(E) PURCHASE OF TRAVEL TICKETS, AND PAYMENT OF ADVANCED PER DIEM;

(F) ASSISTANCE WITH LOCATING HOUSING AND NEGOTIATION OF LEASE ARRANGEMENTS;

(H) ASSISTANCE WITH SUCH REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OR VEHICLES AS MAY BE REQUIRED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES;

(I) HIRING THE LOCAL EMPLOYEE NEEDED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

5. FOR TDY EMPLOYEES NASA WOULD EXPECT NO CONGEN ASSISTANCE EXCEPT FOR AID WITH OCCASIONAL LOCAL TRAVEL, NOT ALREADY COVERED BY TRAVEL ORDERS/TICKETS IN THEIR POSSESSION. FOR CONTRACTOR AMERICANS NASA WOULD ANTICIPATE NO CONGEN ASSISTANCE BEYOND WHAT ANY U.S. CITIZEN MIGHT

EXPECT.

6. NASA HAS IDENTIFIED MODE CEILING POSITIONS TO COVER THREE OF THE TEN PCS AMERICANS: TEAM MANAGER AND TWO ENGINEERS. REMAINING US AND FN PERSONNEL, IF MISSION CONCURS AND REQUEST IS APPROVED, WOULD OCCUPY TEMPORARY MODE SPACES, FOR WHICH MODE SYSTEM CHAIRMAN IN WASHINGTON HAS DECISION RESPONSIBILITY.

7. IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED BUREAUS IN DEPARTMENT (OES, EUR) HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO NASA REQUEST PROVIDED MISSION HAS THE CAPABILITY WITHIN PRESENT AND CONCEIVABLY DIMINISHED STATE STAFFING TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. WE THEREFORE INVITE COMMENTS OF COM BONN, UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDING IMPACT ON MISSION ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES, TO FACILITATE DECISION IN WASHINGTON WHICH WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CURRENT USG OVERSEAS RESOURCE STRINGENCIES. CHRISTOPHER

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